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BONE USING A SUTURE ANCHORING  
DEVICE

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**RESPONSE TO FINAL  
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In response to the Final Office Action mailed December 12, 2008, Applicants respectfully submit the following amendments set forth below and request favorable action thereon.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 6 of this paper.